supportive role in diversification and commercialisation of agriculture, improving value addition in the agricultural produce, helps in generating employment including rural employment and production of agro food products for export. To accelerate development of food processing industry including fruits and vegetable processing in the country, Government have liberalised its policies and procedures for investment, technology acquisition and foreign investment. It has also provided various fiscal concessions which *inter-alia* include withdrawal of excise duties on all fruits and vegetable products, meat and poultry products, fishery products, most milk products soya products, etc. In addition, this Ministry is also operating various Plan Schemes during the 8th Plan for development of various food processing industries including fruits and vegetable processing industry under which assistance are extended for setting up infrastructure/new or expansion/ upgradation of fruits and vegetable processing industry, setting up of Food Processing Training Centres in rural areas, research and development activities, backward linkage, quality control and marketing support.

Benefits of these policies and schemes have been applied for projects in the State of Punjab where under the liberalised policies, investment, both domestic and foreign, in the fruits and vegetable processing industry have already taken place. Some companies who have invested for fruits and vegetable processing in Punjab have also taken steps to develop horticultural, including fruits and vegetables, raw-material for their use by helping the farmers with technology for production, increasing their productivity and market support, thus bringing benefits to the farmers, and generating employment.

Ministry has also extended assistance under its Plan Schemes for setting up a mushroom production and processing unit and a honey processing unit and for developing backward linkage to fruits and vegetable processing in the State of Punjab.

**सम्पादक की कार में बम रखवाए जाने से संबंधित सबूतों का गायब होना**

1012. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि "जनाधार भारती" पत्रिका के संपादक ने लगभग चार वर्ष पहले उनकी कार में बम रखवाने के मामले में जो सबूत मुहैया करवाए थे, उन सब सबूतों को दिल्ली पुलिस ने गायब कर दिया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वे सबूत क्या थे तथा सबूतों के गायब कर दिये जाने/किये जाने पर सरकार ने क्या कार्रवाई की तथा उक्त सबूतों के पाये जाने पर सरकार क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार रखती है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि उपरोक्त घटना की जाँच कर रहे तत्कालीन अधिकारी का स्थानांतरण कर दिया गया है;

(घ) यदि हां, तो वह अधिकारी इस समय कहां और किस पद पर कार्यरत है; और

(ङ) उनके स्थानांतरण से उक्त मामले की जांच पर पड़ रहे प्रभाव पर सरकार का निर्णय और प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

**गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (प्रो० एम० कामसन):** (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) उपयुक्त (क) को देखते हुये प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(ग) मामले की जांच करने वाले अधिकारियों को प्रशासनिक आधारों पर स्थानान्तरित किया गया है न कि मामले के साक्ष्यों को खो देने/इनमें रद्दो बदल करने के कारण।

(घ) स्थानान्तरित किये गये तीनों अधिकारियों के मौजूदा तैनाती के स्थान तथा उनके पदनाम इस प्रकार हैं:—

| क्रमांक | नाम | पद नाम | तैनाती का मौजूदा स्थान |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | श्री अशोक कुमार | उप-निरीक्षक | पुलिस चौकी, मादीपुर |
| 2. | श्री धरम पाल | उप-निरीक्षक | पुलिस पैट्रोल पम्प, थाना-संसद् मार्ग |
| 3. | श्री चन्द्र मोहन | उप-निरीक्षक | थाना-तिलक मार्ग |

(ङ) थाना-शकरपुर में भा०दं०सं० की धारा 302/120-ख के अधीन दर्ज मामला प्र०सू०रि० संख्या 258/92 में एकत्र किये गये साक्ष्यों के आधार पर, वह मामला जिसे कि 20.11.92 को "पता न लगा" के रूप में फाइल कर दिया गया था, पुनः 20 नवम्बर, 95 को खोल दिया गया है।

**Cryogenic Rocket Engine Deal with Russia**

1013. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Russia backed out from its offer of providing seven cryogenic engines to ISRO in lieu of technology transfer of cryogenic engines earmarked for development Indian satellite launching Vehicles;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and whether it involves the pressure by the U.S. to prevent the deal with India;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Russia has signed a deal with the U.S. for the supply of liquid fuel rocket engines; and

(d) how the ISRO is going to meet this challenge?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir. The agreement for the supply of cryogenic engines, as re-negotiated in December, 1993, is under implementation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) It has been reported that Russia has signed a contract for the supply of liquid fuel engines to the USA.

(d) Does not arise.

**Waiting list for Telephones in Towns of Andhra Pradesh**

1014. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the waiting list of telephones in the towns of Eluru, Bhimavaram, Tadepalligulcm in Andhar Pradesh;

(b) the number of new phone lines expected for Andhra Pradesh for the above three towns in 1996-97; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) waiting lists, as on 31.10.95 is as follows:

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| (i) Elura | 1262 |
| (ii) Bhimavaram | 2188 |
| (iii) Tadepalligulam | 450 |

(b) and (c) The number of lines expected for these three towns during 1996-97 is 3000 as details given below. This will make telephone availabe on demand during 1996-97 subject to the availability of equipment and other resources.

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| (i) Elura | 1000 |
| (ii) Bhimavaram | 1000 |
| (iii) Tadepalligulam | 1000 |